Transcript of President's State of the Union Address to Joint Session of Congress

Following is a transcript of President Carter's State of the Union Address last evening before a joint session of Congress in Washington, as recorded by The New York Times:

Times of Confrontation
Since the end of the Second World
War, America has led other nations in
meeting the challenge of mounting
Soviet power, This has not been a simple or a static relationship. Between us
been competition— and at times there
has been confrontation.
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reclaim Service of President Center's State of the Union Address last evening before a joint session of Congress in Weshington, as recorded by The New York Times:

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, members of the 96th Congress, fellow cithers.

This last few months has not been an easy time for any of us. As we meet to the state of our union depends on the state of the world. And tonight, as throughout our own generation, freedom and peace in the world depend on the state of the world. And tonight, as throughout our own generation, freedom and peace in the world depend on the state of the world. And tonight, as throughout our own generation, freedom and peace in the world depend on the state of the world. And tonight is a threat to the sealing the state of the world and tonight is an interest of challenge to our interests and our wisdom and our skills.

At this time in Iran 99 Americans are still held captive, innocent vicinal according to the United States of America and the strong are attentiant to the United States of America and the peace of the United States of America and the strong of the United States of America and the State of America and the strong of the United States of America and the strong of the United States of America and the State of Ame

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As President Carter delivered State of the Union Message, members of Congress read from the prepared text

threat to the free movement of Middle East oil. situation demands careful situation demands careful throught, steady nerves and resolute action.—not only for this year, but for many years to come. It demands collective efforts to meet this new threat is sufficiently as the control of the persian could region will be regarded as an assault on the vital interests of the Control of the control of the Persian Guil region, but and the control of the Persian Guil region, but not only in the vital oil-producing area of the Persian Guil region, but around the wow when the control of the prospects for peace, not only in the vital oil-producing area of the Persian Guil region, but around the work of the control of the prospects for peace, not only in the vital oil-producing area of the Persian Guil region, but around the work of the control of

real makes another major withdrawal from the Sinai and when ambassadors will be exchanged between Israel and Egypt.

We've also expanded our own sphere of friendship. Our deep commitment to meeds has improved our relationship with much of the third world. Our decision to normalize relations with the People's Kepublic of China will help with a committee relations and in the Western Pacific.

We've increased and strengthened our naval presence in the Indian Ocean, and we are now making arrangements used by our forces in the region of northeast Africa and the Persian Gulf. Pakistan Accord Reconfirmed

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We have reconfirmed our 1898 agreement to help Pakistan preserve its independence and its integrity. The United States will take action — consistent with our own laws—to assist Pakistan Accord Reconfirmed our 1898 agreement. I am also working, along with other actions, to provide additional specifically to reaffirm this agreement. I am also working, along with other nations, to provide additional state. That request will come to you in sust a few days.

In the weeks ahead we will further streighten political and military ties with the streighten political and military ties. We believe that there are no irreconcilable differences between us and any Islamic nation. We respect the faith of Islam, and we are ready to cooperate. Finally, we are prepared to work with other countries in the region to share a cooperative security framework that respects differing values and the independence, security and prosperity of all.

All these efforts combined emphasize our dedication to defend and preserved and the pacific but also in the parts of the world which have such great strategic through the Middle East and Southwest Asia.

the Pacific but also in the parts of the world which have such great strategic importance to us, stretching especially through the Middle East and Southwest.

With your help I will pursue these efforts with vigor and with determination, you and I will act as necessary to protect and to preserve our antion's seatment forces are on duty tonight in many parts of the world. I am proud of whether the parts of the world. I am proud of what we have the protect and to world a many parts of the world. I am proud of what we have the protect and the world and world with the world

Revitalized Draft System
However, we must be prepared for
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determined that the Selective Services
System must now be revitalized. I vill
sto the Congress next month so that we
can begin registration and then meet
future mobilization needs rapidly if
they arise.
We also need clear and quick passage
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hority and accountability of our inciligence agencies. We will guarantee that
abuses do not recur, but we must
tighten our controls on sensitive intelligence information and we need to remove unwarranted restraints on
move unwarranted restraints
of rapid change, as nations everywhere
seek to deal with new problems and
ageoid tensions. But America need
of change if we remain true to our
values and actively engaged in promoting world peace.
We will continue to work as we have

in 1977. I expect our imports to be much lewer than this, but the ceiling will be enforced by an oil import fee if necesenforced by an oil import fee if necesports still further if the other oil consuming countries will join us in a fair and mutual reduction. If we have a serious shortes, I will not hestate to impose mandatory gasoline rationing immediates. Feetors in [Graftine] Biggest Factor in Inflation

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The single biggest factor in the inflation rate last year, the increase in the
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inflation rate last year, was from one
cause: the skyrocketing prices of
OPEC oil. We must take whatever actions are necessary of the ductor of
the same time reduced and at the
same time reduce inflation.

As individuals and as families, few of
scan produce energy by ourselves.
But allow one of the same time reduce in the
scan produce energy ourselves.
Tonight I call on you, in fact all the
people of America, to help our nation.
Conserve energy. Eliminate waste.
Make 180 indeed a year of energy conoff course, we must take other actions to strengthen our nation's cononly.

omy.
First, we will continue to reduce the deficit and then to balance the Federal

inflation.

Third, we will continue our successful efforts to cut paperwork and to dismantle unnecessary Government regu-

Jobs for Young People
Fourth, we will continue our
progress in providing jobs for America,
concentrating on a major new program
to provide training and work for our
young people, especially minority
youth. It has been said that "a mind is a
terrble thing to waste." We will give
our young people new hope for jobs and
And fifth, we must use the decade of
the 1989's to attack the basic structural
was the productivity, savings and investment.
With these energy and economic nor productivity, savings and investment.
With these energy and economic stronger at home in this decade — just
as our foreign and defense policies will
make us stronger at horiger throughout
the world.
We will never abandon our stringde

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granted. Now you must earn them
sgain. For every right that you
cherish, you have a duty which you
must fulfill. For every good that
you wish to preserve, you will be
ease. There is nothing for nothing
any longer."

Our challenges are formidable. But
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solved in our country. We move into the
slight wish on of the America we want.
An America strong and free.

An America strong and free.

An America with equal rights for all
citizens—and for women—guaranteed in the United States Constitution.

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